

MAY DIPOSE OF DISMANTLED HULL OF F-4 THURSDAY

UKULELE CRAZE SWEEPING FROM COAST TO COAST

Board Holds Informal Meeting,
but Makes no Announcement;
Burial of Crew Discussed

John Effinger Says it is Entire-
ly Due to Quintet Singing at
Hawaii's Fair Building

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That the special naval board appointed to arrange for the disposal of the F-4's dismantled hull, will report its recommendations along that line to the navy department possibly by tomorrow or next day, is indicated as the result of an informal session held by the members this morning at the naval station.

Following the meeting, Rear-admiral Clifford J. Boush said the discussion concerned plans for disposing of the wreck and burying those bodies of the crew not to be shipped to the mainland for interment by relatives.

As to whether these bodies will be buried in Honolulu or in a naval cemetery which is contemplated at the new Pearl Harbor naval station, would not be made public by Rear-admiral Boush, who is chairman of the board. "These things are being considered," he said, "but all the details have not yet been arranged, and until they are, we cannot make them public."

At this morning's meeting, the navy physicians who identified the remains were present, talking over the situation and conferring as to disposal of the bodies, four of which have been identified out of the 15 recovered so far. The crew numbered 21.

No work was done on the F-4 today or yesterday, but tomorrow morning the task of removing the rest of the submarine's battery plates will be resumed. The fact that the board is paying particular attention to the batteries and their condition, lends color to the theory of a possible explosion and formation of deadly chlorine gas as the chief cause of the disaster. No more identifiable bodies are looked for.

"Removal of the rest of the batteries is all that remains to be done before the submarine is ready to be disposed of," said Lieut. comdr. J. A. Furer at noon. "We should get the rest of them out tomorrow, as we have been at it two days already." Lieut. comdr. Furer was of the opinion that the task of disposing of the dismantled hull will not be started before Thursday or perhaps later, after ev-

Harbor to get the water for the fish as that in nearer shore is polluted enough to kill the sensitive creatures.

"A ukulele craze which is sweeping the states from San Francisco to New York is directly the result of the Hawaiian quintet in the exposition building," says Mr. Effinger.

As an example of the great popularity which has come recently to the little Hawaiian instrument he mentioned an incident of where a crowd of 200 people who visited the exposition from Chicago brought along 30 ukuleles. These instruments are made in Chicago and do not compare at all with the Hawaiian make, he says.

"In New York and Chicago I found all the music stores advertising Hawaiian music and instruments more than any other sort," says the commissioner. "Large posters in the windows also announce Hawaiian records for phonograph music."

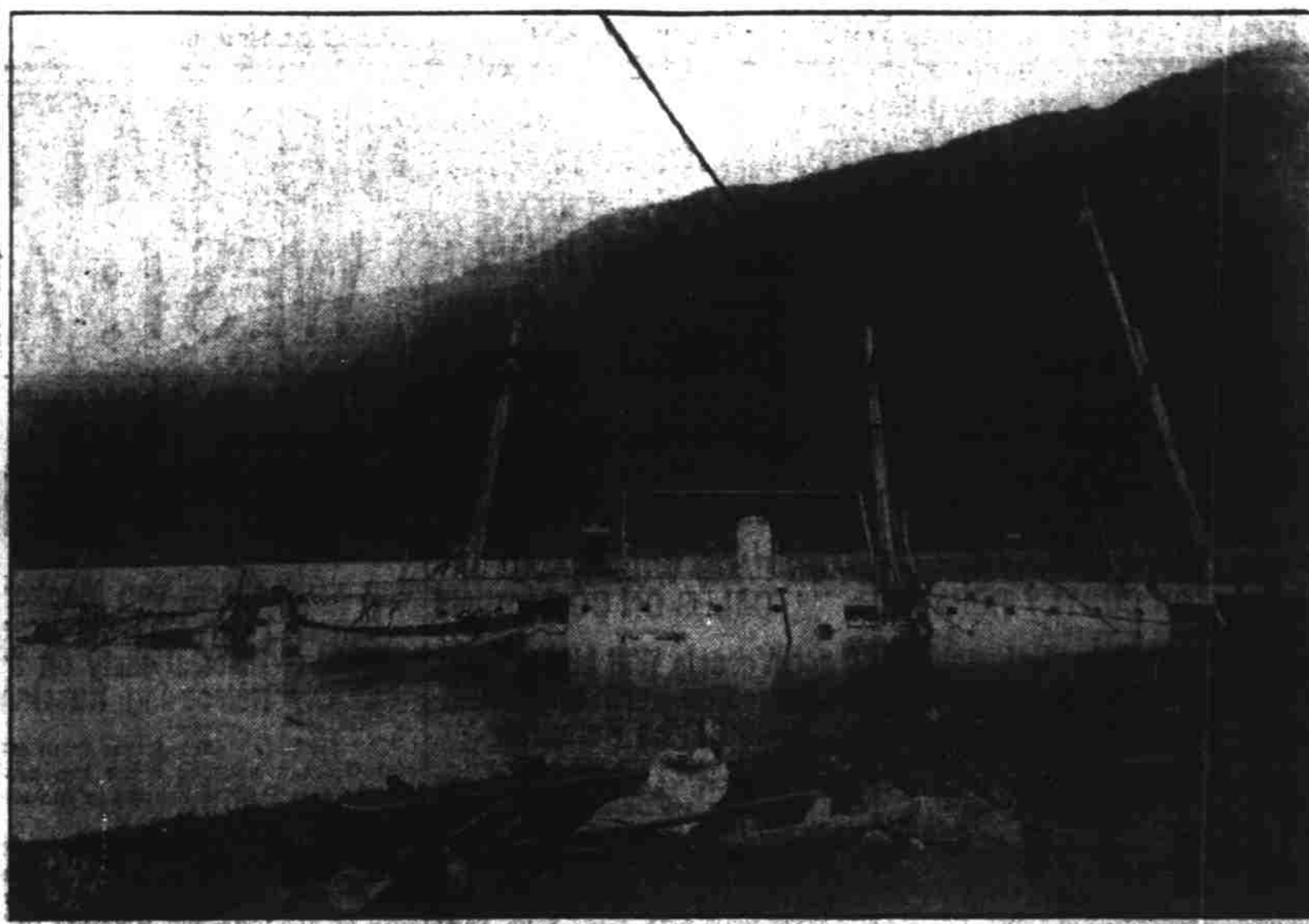
"I believe," says Mr. Effinger, "that the demand for ukuleles alone, in the next year, will amount to 30,000 instruments. The two most popular songs, 'Hani Kana Wikipiki' and 'Paradise Isles,' are being advertised three times as much as other music."

Mr. Effinger, while in San Francisco, attended the national convention of the fraternity of Sigma Chi in August. Two hundred delegates were present at the convention from colleges of the United States. He also attended the convention of the Sons of the American Revolution in Portland, Ore., beginning June 19. Mr. Effinger left Honolulu on June 2.

Moderate quantities of machine oils and waxes are now being supplied to printers from domestic distilleries works and bitumens, used largely for roads, will be available from some chemical companies before December.

Anything that would result in gaining any further light on the disaster's cause has been gleaned from the salvaged wreck.

Even Native Samoans Stood in Line For Some Star-Bulletin Magazines



U. S. gunboat Princeton, as she looked when sunk in Tutuila harbor, Samoa. The Princeton is now at Honolulu, bound for the coast for repairs.

"When that flood of papers, magazines and story books swept down on us at Samoa from Honolulu," said a sailor on the United States gunboat Princeton this morning, "it surely looked for a moment as if another hurricane had come."

He had been asked regarding the receipt of the big shipment of reading material that the Star-Bulletin sent several weeks ago to the Princeton crew, when A. E. Livingstone, traveler and writer, brought the word to Honolulu that the sailor boys were fairly starving for something to read in the South Sea station.

The Princeton, former station ship at Pago Pago, arrived yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Samoa, after a trip of 11 days. She is on her way to San Francisco. The auxiliary ship Nanshan accompanies her.

"We had to use magazines for chairs and beds," put in another appreciative sailor, "for the crowd that came filled the clubhouse to overflowing, and sometimes would read all night." The same sailor took exception to an enthusiastic statement by one of his fellows to the effect that the first thing the enlisted men did when the magazines and papers came, was to "give for them."

"We didn't exactly give for them," said the first, "we were orderly enlisted men, of course, but we sure did give for them after all."

A crowd of appreciative sailors was not long in gathering as soon as it was learned that a Star-Bulletin representative was on board. Calls of "Here's one of the folks that sent the bunch of reading!" brought out a score or more to voice their thanks for the shipment.

They explained that the first thing done with the reading material was to send it for distribution to the enlisted men's club house, where it was checked out much as are the books in a city library. From all parts of the island the people came to get reading material, both natives and whites.

"The natives took the magazines home with them; and as they could not read English, found much enjoyment in looking at the pictures and advertisements," explained one of the boys.

The Princeton has on board a crew of 28, which includes three officers and 75 men. The boat is under the command of Lieut. comdr. Mark St. C. Ellis. The crew is made up of a jolly band of sailors, most of them young and all glad of the chance to get back again to the United States. The Princeton has been at Samoa for four years, during which time she spent three weeks under water. But one sailor is now on board who has been on the boat for the four years.

A great crowd gathered at the wharf to see us off, explained one bronzed and tattooed sailor man, "and the natives sang their farewell song, 'Tofa Palangi,' which means, being translated, 'Goodbye American.' A great many of the enlisted boys on the island broke down and wept as the boat pulled out. It was pretty hard on them to have to stay when the rest of us were leaving."

"Of course," continued the narrator, "there were a few who wanted to stay. For instance there was A. J. Ross, chief boatswain's mate, a member of the Princeton crew, who remained behind and married. His wife is Princess Sulopulu of the island of Manua. It was this island which suffered so severely from the hurricane."

Ross got about 1000 acres of coconut land by the marriage, went on the sailor, "and the wedding was one of the biggest events that the island has known in years. It took place in the home of Governor Stearns."

One of the features of the trip up from Samoa was a "Neptune party" on the day the boat crossed the equator. Old Father Neptune came on board, clambering up over the side of the ship, fully rigged out with long beard and trident. Capt. Ellis turned over the ship to his command, and for

a half day the entire crew indulged in the initiation ceremonies.

The ceremonies were held for all those of the crew who had come to the island on mail boats, which was by far the greater part of the number. A big tank was rigged out of canvas and filled with salt seawater.

Over this tank was arranged a barber chair which tipped backward conveniently, spilling its occupant into the tank. Here the victim was held under the water, until he was willing to shout "Fish," a feat not easily accomplished according to some of the candidates who tried it.

Speaking of the various forms of amusements offered on the island, the boys explain that there is a dance hall and a moving picture house with changes of films twice a week. The films come to the island rather anciently, by mainland reckoning, but that is no odds to the island populace.

"As to the dance hall, only the people who wear shoes are enabled to dance. As one puts it, 'A pair of shoes places a native on the heights of society.' The natives wear shoes only when dancing. Between dances, and when walking home, they hang the precious footwear over their shoulders."

Baseball is a favorite game, there being a good diamond near the harbor, the only level spot in the whole island. Teams have been organized from different sources, there being a station ship team, a native team and others. The natives are said to put up a good brand of baseball.

Vivid pictures were painted in the description of the great hurricane which swept down upon the islands last September. A large cement church with walls three feet in thickness was the first building to fall, from roof to floor for miles across the water from one island to another. The naval station of Tutuila was sheltered well by high hills, and so did not feel the force of the 100 mile an hour wind. Rain, fairly poured about the place during the tempest. Coconut trees were stripped bare of their leaves, the mountain sides resembling a fire-swept forest after the wind had died down.

The island of Manua suffered most from the hurricane owing to the fact that it lies more nearly level, and so close to the surface of the sea. In common weather the land is about 14 feet above the water but during the storm island and sea were described by the natives who viewed it from a distance as being all one level.

The sinking of the Princeton was also described by those who helped in the work. "When the Princeton first went down," they said, "hardly anyone thought it could ever be raised. It had listed far to starboard, and was almost covered by water. It sank after having a great hole torn in the forward part while on a cruise about Tutuila."

"The ship had a hard time getting into port, sinking as she reached the dock at Pago Pago. Natives gave generous aid, and together with the sailors, the officers had the boat up again in 21 days."

"The salvage was accomplished by the use of three donkey engines fastened to the deck of the boat. These by concerted efforts gradually pulled the boat back into place, pulleys and cables being run from them to shore." The boat still leaks a little, and on the way up took a little water each day, but the leak is not thought to be dangerous at all. It will be permanently repaired in the naval docks at San Francisco. The Princeton looks spick and span, and bears little evidence of having laid for so long in the water.

It is the plan at present for the boat to leave for San Francisco next Wednesday morning.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. R. F. Bennett and Miss Dolly Bennett take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the many friends for the sympathy shown in connection with the death of Capt. Richard F. Bennett for the floral tributes kindly offered and the presence of these friends at the services and funeral of the deceased.—Adv.

E. R. Brable, Jr., a leper who escaped from the detention hospital at Washington, is being held in the Pittsburg Municipal hospital.

Advices received at Amsterdam from Berlin report that it is rumored that the resignation of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg is imminent.

EXPECT 500 NEW PUPILS TO START SCHOOL ON OAHU

With the return to Honolulu this week of a large number of pedagogues who have been spending their vacations on the mainland, and the coming of about 20 mainland teachers engaged during the summer by the department of public instruction, everything is in readiness for the opening of the public schools on September 13.

According to Supt. Henry W. Kinney, a slight increase will be noticed in school attendance over that of last year, although this increase probably will not be more than 400 or 500. During the summer the department has been hard at work preparing for the fall opening. More than 30 new school buildings of the "Kaneohe" and "Kalahele" types have been erected on this island alone, and several thousand new desks are on their way from Honolulu to other parts of Oahu as a part of the equipment for the buildings.

Vocational instruction, domestic science and other similar courses will be featured throughout the school year. The majority of the Honolulu public schools now are equipped with kitchens, and the school lunch plan will be in evidence again this year. The serving of noon lunches at 5 cents each last year proved exceedingly popular with both pupils and teachers. The free kindergartens also will open on September 13.

ENGINEERS OF GUARD MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

A meeting of prospective members of the new engineers' company, National Guard of Hawaii, will be held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, September 9, in the armory, Capt. C. R. Forbes, who organized the company, announced today.

"We are trying to get everyone interested in the company to attend on that evening," said Capt. Forbes. "Col. Samuel Johnson, the adjutant general, will address the gathering and tell of the National Guard's plans for the ensuing year."

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